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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks and the Inventor's Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 submitted herewith.

Claims 19-23 and 25-31 are pending in this application, of which claim 19 is an independent claim. No claims are amended, cancelled or added herein. The application as presented is believed to be in allowable condition.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 21, 26 and 28.